

## TRADE GAP WIDENS IN AUGUST 2005

*U.S. international trade in goods and services*

The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit widened in August 2005, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from \$58.0 billion in July (revised) to \$59.0 billion in August, as imports increased more than exports.



### Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$1.8 billion in August to \$108.2 billion, mostly reflecting an increase in goods exports. Services exports also increased.

- The increase in goods exports mostly reflected increases in *capital goods* and *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines*.
- The increase in services exports mostly reflected an increase in *other private services*.

### Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$2.9 billion in August to \$167.2 billion, reflecting an increase in goods imports. Services imports were virtually unchanged.

- The increase in goods imports mostly reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* and *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines*. *Other goods* and *consumer goods* decreased.
- The change in services imports reflected a decrease in *travel*, which was nearly offset by small increases in several other categories of services imports.

### Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)

- The goods deficit with China increased from \$17.7 billion in July to \$18.5 billion in August. Exports increased \$0.3 billion to \$3.9 billion, while imports increased \$1.1 billion to \$22.4 billion.
- The goods deficit with Canada increased from \$6.0 billion in July to \$6.7 billion in August. Exports increased \$3.7 billion to \$18.3 billion, while imports increased \$4.3 billion to \$24.9 billion.
- The goods deficit with Mexico increased from \$3.5 billion in July to \$4.2 billion in August. Exports increased \$1.4 billion to \$10.6 billion, while imports increased \$2.1 billion to \$14.8 billion.

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

NOTE: This and more information is provided in the October 13 press release issued by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: August 2005. The next release is November 10, 2005.